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## Shragai Likely To Be Elected Mayor Today

The new mayor for Jerusalem may be elected at nine o'clock this morning at the fourth regular meeting of the Municipal Council. The incumbent mayor, Mr. Daniel Auster, failed to win his office in a vote at Friday's meeting.

If a poll is taken it is expected that the 13-member Rightist Coalition of five parties will choose Mr. S. Z. Shragai (Hapoel Hamizrachi) to head the Municipality. It is believed that his first deputy will be Mr. E. Eliazar (General Zionists) with Mr. M. Glickman-Porush (Agudat Israel) and Mr. M. Rabin (Herut) probably being chosen as the other two deputies.

The possibility exists, however, that the election will not be held today because of continued and heated bargaining among members of the coalition for membership on the various city committees. As some coalition members said: "We want to have everything in black and white before we commit ourselves on electing a mayor."

**Everyone Present**  
At Friday's meeting all 21 members of the Council appeared for the first time. Mr. Shragai did not attend since he is at the bottom of the Orthodox Elot list. One Bloc member, probably Mr. I. Kleinlehrer, of the Poalei Aguda, will resign to make room for Mr. Shragai.

Opening the session, Mr. Auster, in a social reference to the weather, stated that he was happy that the "good rains" had brought all the members together. He then moved to the first agenda item which was the election.

Mr. W. Ables (Progressives) nominated Mr. Auster. A vote was taken and failed as only the nine members representing the opposition—Mizrahi, Hagan, Yemina and Progressives—supported the candidate.

Mr. Auster then called for another nomination but Rabbi Y. Cohen of the Orthodox Bloc moved to postpone action until today, which according to the regulations is automatically carried following an unsuccessful election.

Mr. A. Andur (General Zionists), since the meeting he scheduled for 7 p.m., but Mr. Auster noted that it was a prerequisite to set the exact time. He set it for 9 a.m.

## Rain Relieves Drought Threat

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—After having watched the skies anxiously for signs of rain for weeks past, farmers throughout the country uttered a sigh of relief when it finally started raining on Thursday night.

On the other hand, the inhabitants of Jaffa's Old City and the thousands of tent-dwellers of immigrant camps and ma'abarot got a foretaste of what the winter may have in store for them. Temperatures dropped considerably today, and fierce winds swept over the country, particularly the south.

The heaviest rains fell in the north with nearly 20 mm. recorded on Mt. Canaan during the 48 hours ending at 8 a.m. this morning. Further to the south, the totals diminished with only a few drops falling at Elath.

**16.6 mm. in Haifa**  
Haifa had 16.6 mm., Mishmar Ha'emek 17., Jerusalem 14., Lydda 0.7, and Beerseba 0.5. No figures were available for Tel Aviv. In various parts of Galilee, rains continued to fall today.

So far 50 temporary huts have been completed at the northern end of Shderot Zim George in Jaffa and the first 100 families are to be moved there next week. At present, 700 families live in ramshackle houses of the Old City and will have to be evacuated soon, while more than 150 other families are living in dilapidated houses in other parts of the city.

Altogether, 200 temporary huts, accommodating 600 families, are to be erected, it was stated.

## Gov't, Agency Meet On Immigrants

Conditions in immigrant camps and ma'abarot were discussed at a meeting in Jerusalem of the Government-Jewish Coordination Board held on Friday under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

Although 43,000 new immigrants arrived from October to December, the number of persons now in immigrant camps is 33,000. Most of them are elderly or otherwise unsuitable for transfer to ma'abarot.

**6,000 Under Canvas**  
Eighteen thousand families (totaling 55,000 persons) are at present accommodated in 107 ma'abarot. Of these 6,000 families live in tents.

It was also revealed that 30,000 of the immigrants have insufficient winter clothing, and that efforts are being made to collect suitable clothing both in Israel and abroad.

Altogether, conditions in some of the ma'abarot give cause for concern, chiefly due to the shortage of qualified doctors and nurses. Conditions had greatly improved, however, in those camps which had received assistance from the Army.

## French Repel Strong Attacks In Indo-China

SAIGON, Saturday (AP).—Communist-led Vietnamese troops hammered last night for the fourth consecutive day at the French defence lines north of Hanoi and retired after a two-hour attack on Phuho, 25 kms. from the north Indochina capital.

A French army communiqué said that Vietnamese forces assaulted the nearby post of Phumot at the same time the night attack was launched against Phuho. Both attacks were hurled back, the communiqué added.

A French military spokesman said the tempo of the Vietnamese offensive slowed perceptibly last night. He attributed it to heavy casualties which the finest Vietnamese battalions have sustained in spearheading the attacks.

A spokesman said it was too early to say whether the nationalist offensive had ended. The pressure continued to be noted, on a broad front north of Hanoi, from large numbers of troops, which the nationalists have committed to this first real test of the new French defence perimeter.

Military observers believe that the successive Vietnamese assaults against the French lines may be intended to wear down the defenders through sheer attrition. The French north Vietnamese cannot afford to suffer too many casualties and still hold its present extended positions.

A French army communiqué has admitted that French troops, north of Hanoi, have sustained substantial casualties in the heavy fighting in the last five days.

## MacArthur: Japan Might Have to Rearm

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuters).—Japan may have to reararm if "international lawlessness" continues to threaten peace, General Douglas MacArthur said in a New Year message here today.

The U.N. commander-in-chief told the Japanese people that the renunciation of war as an instrument of policy in the Japanese constitution was "one of the highest, if not the highest, ideal the modern world has ever known."

He added: "If, however, international lawlessness continues to threaten peace and exercise its dominion over the lives of men, it is inherent that this ideal must give way to the overriding law of self-preservation, and it will become your duty within the principles of the U.N., in concert with others who cherish freedom, to mount force to repel force."

General MacArthur said it was his fervent hope that such an eventuality would "never come to pass, but if it should, Japan's security would be the deep concern of all the other free nations of the Pacific area."

Expressing his sincere trust that 1951 would bring Japan the blessings of complete political freedom through an effective peace treaty, General MacArthur added his belief that Japan "may be counted upon to exercise profound influence upon the course of destiny in Asia."

## Jet Dogfights Near Border

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuters).—More than 60 planes fought out the biggest fighter battle of the Korean war in two dogfights close to the Manchurian border today.

Two Communist planes were damaged when between 25 and 40 Russian type MIG 15's attacked 15 American Sabre Jets.

One Communist plane had been shot down in flames and another probably destroyed in a sharp duel over the same area earlier in the day. All American planes returned safely to their bases.

Both sides were continuing patrol activity, clashing with small enemy groups in the no-man's-land between the two main armies.

One U.N. patrol, probing across the Imjin River, 42 kms. north of Seoul, yesterday fought a four-hour battle with a Chinese Communist group just south of the Parallel. It was reported today. The Allied troops withdrew after killing 21 Chinese and wounding 15.

To the east of the main

## Protest Meetings In T.A., Haifa

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Three Mapai Knesset members and a Communist leader were among the speakers at today's rallies in the Mograbli and Habimah Squares to protest against the Brussels decision to organize German military units.

A crowd of a few thousand assembled in Mograbli Square this morning, and heard speeches by Mr. Y. Rittin, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda and Miss E. Vilenski. A procession then formed, and marched behind posters bearing slogans to the Habimah Square where Dr. M. Sneh addressed the meeting.

## Barzilai Reported Seeking 'Asylum'

WARSAW, Saturday (AP).—The Israeli Minister in Warsaw, Mr. I. Barzilai, and two members of his Legation, who have resigned their posts, have requested asylum in Poland, an official announcement claimed today.

The announcement stated that the action was taken as a protest against Israel's concurrence with "American aggression in Korea." The other members of the Legation are Counselor Asriel Uchman and Pinchas Dagan, both of whom have their wives and families with them in Warsaw.

The Foreign Ministry could neither confirm nor deny the Warsaw report, which came as a complete surprise, as there had been no hint of any such move in cables received from Warsaw. The resignation was announced early this month after Mr. Barzilai, a member of Mapai, had found that he could no longer implement Israel's Foreign Policy. Barzilai, a member of Kibbutz Negev, had written to the kibbutz a week ago saying he expected to be home in about a month. Warsaw circles termed the whole story "ridiculous."

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**YUGOSLAVIA ACCEPTS RECORD ARMS BUDGET**  
BELGRADE, Saturday (AP).—The Yugoslav government approved Marshal Tito's record arms budget on Friday. The total budget of 17,400 million dinars (U.S. \$1,333 million) provides 29,100 million for defense.

## Record Year for Britain, But Import-Export Gap Dangerous

LONDON, Saturday.—The latest figures released by the Treasury show that 1950 has been a record year for Britain. Production was 50 per cent above 1946 while exports rose to 80 per cent above the pre-war level.

Britain is now earning a surplus on its visible exports alone and the total favourable balance, including invisibles, is likely to total £300m. as compared with the official forecast of £150m.

Despite these encouraging results, there is a growing uneasiness over the effect of the steadily rising import bill. Since September 1949, when sterling was devalued, import prices have risen by 34 per cent while prices of British export goods have, on the average, increased by only 11 per cent and the gap is still widening. Mr. Hugh Gaitskell's estimate that an additional £300m. exports will be needed next year to counteract this tendency may turn out to be an underestimate.

**Electricity Cuts**  
Some of the recent price rises are alarming. Tin has gone up from 180 to 260 a ton since June, cotton from 35 to 45 cents a pound, tungsten from 127 to 160 shillings a unit. At home, the need to import coal has intensified the shipping shortage and the inadequacy of coal and electricity to meet the rise with the rising demand threatens an industrial breakdown should there be a spell of hard weather.

The main problem next year will be to increase exports, not by releasing more ailing, but by orthodox means. The policy of granting ample sterling releases to India, Pakistan and other countries is, in fact, creating difficulties which have already induced the "Economic" to utter another warning against burdening Britain's export capacity in this manner—a warning important to Israel.

## War Austerity For America Prepared

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP).—President Truman's Council of Economic Advisors today laid down a blue print of war-like austerity for the U.S., which includes higher taxes, speedy mobilization for industrial expansion and blanket wage and price controls.

In its formal report to the President, the Council suggested a 25 per cent increase in the nation's output of goods and services within the next five years, the all-out control of wages and prices, and a tax programme large enough to meet defence costs as well as balance the budget. The Council also recommended higher personal income and corporation taxes.

The order was issued by the National Production Authority to conserve copper for "defence and defence supporting needs."

## U.S. Will Not Leave Korea Voluntarily

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AP).—Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk said yesterday that surrender to Communist Chinese "terrorization" in Korea would be followed quickly by Chinese encroachment on other neighbours.

Mr. Rusk declared that Chinese intervention in Korea did not change the mission of the U.N. forces and added: "We will not get out voluntarily."

"Speaking over the 'Voice of America,' Mr. Rusk said that if the Peking regime really desires world peace and the welfare of China—and not with the advancement of Bolshevik interests or extension of control over neighbouring countries—then specific problems can be solved by peaceful means.

## Lie's New Year Claim: 'Peace Will Prevail'

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday.—The Secretary-General of the United Nations has appealed for a "new year resolution" for "faith in the U.N."

His message, released here while Mr. Trygve Lie is on holiday in Norway, reads in part:

"The foremost articles of the faith of the United Nations are—

To continue working in every possible way for the peaceful settlement of all international disputes, especially those that are creating today the grave danger of another world war; To act firmly against armed aggression in all circumstances, including the use of armed force when this is necessary for the collective defence of U.N. members; To make increased efforts to speed up, by peaceful means, the liberation from fear and poverty of two-thirds of the human race and to create, in the process, better conditions of life for all peoples."

"No one can foresee how long the dark and dangerous days through which we are moving will continue. But whatever trials may be ahead of us, we can be sure that the U.N. goal of a peaceful world will in the end prevail provided the nations remain loyal to the charter and to the organization."

## HISTADRUT BACKS PORT WORKERS

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The Histadrut Executive's Central Committee decided yesterday to support all the demands of the Tel Aviv port workers.

The Marine Trust, Ltd., which runs the port, were informed that the Executive would wait until January 4 before taking further action if the demands were not granted by then.

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## RILEY AND P.C.C. DUE BACK JAN. 10

Major-General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff in Jerusalem, who is on holiday with his family in Switzerland, is expected back in Jerusalem on January 10.

Members of the Palestine Conciliation Committee are also expected to arrive in Jerusalem about the same time. They are to remain in Jerusalem until the next meeting of the U.N. General Assembly.

## POST OFFICE TO OPERATE CABLE

HAIFA, Saturday.—The submarine cable link between Israel and abroad was expected to be re-opened this week by the staff of the Telegraph Department, as the Post Office could not fulfil the demands of the former Cable and Wireless employees, the Haifa Postmaster said yesterday.

The dispute arose when eight former Cable and Wireless employees now employed by the Telegraph Department asked for an improvement of wages and grading, which the postal authorities found excessive.

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## One Survivor In Buenos Aires Crash

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (Reuters).—Police today found fourteen bodies in the burnt-out wreckage of an airliner which crashed south of Buenos Aires late last night.

They said the only survivor was an eight-year-old girl who was badly injured.

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Forecast: Windy with light  
drizzle in the South, the weather  
will be generally cloudy.  
A) Humidity at 3 p.m. yesterday.  
B) Minimum temp. yesterday.  
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.  
D) Maximum temp. expected today.

All Banks will be closed  
to the public tomorrow,  
January 1, giving to work on  
the annual end-of-year book-  
keeping.

The S.S. ETIOG, which under-  
went repairs in Denmark and  
Holland, arrived in Haifa yester-  
day with 1,500 tons of potatoes.  
61,781 EGYPTIAN tons have arrived  
in Israel in 23rd Company ships  
during 1950, the Zim Navigation  
Company reported.

TODAY is the 13th anniversary  
of the sending of the first Hebrew  
telegram in Palestine.

**Citrus Unchanged**  
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The  
citrus deadlock came no  
nearer to a solution over the  
weekend.

The citrus growers expect  
the Prime Minister to answer  
their appeal for intervention.  
Mr. P. Lubianiker, the Min-  
ister of Agriculture, who is  
another interested party in  
the matter, is ill.

Unemployment up to 70  
per cent is reported in the  
citrus-growing areas by the  
Central Labour Exchange.

**Ration News**  
JERUSALEM — Carrots: 50c a  
doz. 25c a doz. Potatoes:  
50c a doz. 25c a doz. Sugar:  
50c a doz. 25c a doz.

TEL AVIV — Eggs: children 7,  
adults 4, Laid 27.  
Persons over 65 residing in the  
Jerusalem Area will receive their  
special ration cards tomorrow and  
Tuesday at Schmidt's, College  
Rehov Bezael, from 3 to 4 p.m.

**Personal Notices**  
Mr. and Mrs. LEVY PEVNER  
announce the marriage in London  
of their only daughter,  
Adina, to Mr. Jacob Simmons, M. Sc.,  
of Lucedale (Mississippi), U.S.A.

MARGARETA WITZLING  
WILL BE MARRIED  
and invite all relatives, friends and acquaintances  
to their wedding ceremony which will be held on  
Tuesday, January 2, 1951, at 6 p.m. at Rabbi  
Taubman's, 11 Abba St., Haifa.  
This is the only intimation.

HENRY MOOS  
Zurich  
DITTA NOE  
Tel Aviv

**Married**  
Tiberias, December 29, 1950.

With deep sorrow we announce the death of  
our dear mother and sister  
**Mrs. MIRIAM ZIPPER**  
(Widow of the late Dr. Gerson Zipper of Lucerne)  
who passed away in Jerusalem yesterday.  
The funeral will take place today, December 31,  
at 3 p.m. from the Bikur Holim Hospital, Jerusalem.  
Friends and acquaintances are kindly asked not to call.

DR. HELENA PFLAUM-ZIPPER  
MAURITZ HESHELES & FAMILY

With deep sorrow we announce the death  
at the age of 84, of our beloved husband,  
father and grandfather  
**ALBERT WEILL**  
former cantor and teacher  
DR. NATHAN AND HELENA WEILL  
OF NAHARIYA  
LEO AND RUTH SOHN (nee WEILL)  
NITA WEILL AND LENJA WEILL  
OF NEW YORK  
AND GRANDCHILDREN  
Nahariya, Shabbat, 21st Tevet, 5711, December 30, 1950.

## Paper Contests Censorship Law

The legality of military cen-  
sorship of the press in Israel  
was questioned on Friday by  
the publishers of "Ma'ariv" in  
an application filed in the Su-  
preme Court for an order nisi  
against the Chief Army Censor,  
Sgan Alon Drot, and the Mil-  
itary Censor, Segen Kidron.  
The applicants, whose paper  
was suspended last Monday  
asked that the censor give  
reason for the deletion of  
certain lines from an item that  
was to have appeared in "Ma-  
ariv" on Wednesday.  
The applicants argued that the  
passage was in no way harmful  
to the security of the country.  
They said that the censorship had  
exceeded the authority in im-  
posing the amendment. It was also  
argued that the entire censorship  
was illegal as the Emergency En-  
forcement Regulations of 1945, upon  
which it was based, expired on  
December 10 and that their ex-  
tension by the Knesset on Novem-  
ber 29 was in contradiction to  
the Small Constitution of 1949.  
This application will be heard  
tomorrow in the Supreme Court in  
Jerusalem.

## Something New In Israel Bread

HAIFA, Saturday. — Israel's  
daily bread is now going to be  
baked with the addition of  
a new ingredient, potas-  
sium bromide.  
Widely used in the U.S. and  
Europe, it serves to improve  
the baking property and the  
digestibility of American and  
other wheat which will re-  
place the high quality Cana-  
dian flour. The latter has be-  
come difficult to obtain.  
Potassium bromide, added at  
the rate of up to 50 parts to  
100,000 is harmless and has been  
approved by the U.S. Board of  
Health and Department of Agri-  
culture.  
The cost of the mixture is in-  
significant. The only technical  
difficulty is to add the chemical  
in a way that insures uniform  
dispersion in the dough.

**POLICE STOP YOUTHS  
AT ROSSI CONCERT**  
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Four  
youths were detained shortly  
after the beginning of Tino  
Rossi's first concert here to-  
night.  
They had tried to force  
their way into the hall to  
display posters protesting  
against the singer's appear-  
ance. Strong police rein-  
forcements were posted around  
the Obel Shem Hall to pre-  
vent disturbances.

**5 TONS' CEMENT TAKEN**  
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Five  
tons of cement were stolen from  
the Amidar Housing Estate in  
Bat Yam last night.

**AN AUTOMATIC** telephone ex-  
change was opened in Holon on  
Friday.

## J'lem Population Up 27 Per Cent in Year

Jerusalem's population rose from 100,000 to 127,000  
in the past year, an increase of 27 per cent, Mr. M. Shatt-  
ner, Director of the Department for the Development of  
Jerusalem of the Ministry of Finance, stated in a report  
on the city's development.  
Shortage of building materi-  
als caused the overall pro-  
gramme to fall short of its  
mark. Only 2,500 dwellings were  
constructed instead of the 4,000  
that had been planned origi-  
nally.  
The shortage of accommoda-  
tions had prevented the popu-  
lation from increasing by an-  
other 15,000.  
The population increase was  
due to: 1) Immigration, pri-  
marily from North Africa and  
Oriental countries, 2) the  
transfer of Government em-  
ployees from Tel Aviv, and  
3) the return of ex-servicem-  
en to the city.  
During the year, the city's  
annual water problem was al-  
leviated.  
**More Enterprises**  
About 200 new industrial en-  
terprises and numerous small  
workshops employing between  
1,000 and 1,500 workers were  
opened, and the facilities of ex-  
isting enterprises were ex-  
panded.  
The number of persons em-  
ployed in factories and work-  
shops stood at 16,000, and  
despite the rise in population,  
the number of unemployed re-  
mained at last year's level,  
650 to 700, in addition to sev-  
eral hundred persons at the

**'Every Man in a Queue  
Is a Soldier'**  
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — "As  
long as no state of emergency  
has been declared, there should  
be no need for soldiers up on  
duty to receive priority in bus  
queues. Every man in Israel  
today is a soldier," Magistrate  
H. Loewenberg declared in  
Court here yesterday.  
He was giving judgment in a  
case relating to a disturbance  
in a bus queue at the Central  
Bus Station here on January 21.  
The charge had stated that Aryeh  
Bubatz, 41, of Petah Tikva, Shlomo  
Babinder, 37, of Nahlat Ganim,  
and Moshe Ben-Zvi, 22, a soldier,  
of the Hativka quarter, had be-  
come involved in a quarrel when  
Bubatz attempted to force his  
way into a bus ahead of Babinder  
and his wife, who was an ex-  
pectant mother.  
Bubatz was fined 11.50 and 14  
days in prison and bound over  
in 11.00 to be of good behavior  
for a year, and Babinder was  
bound over in 11.00. Mr. Bubatz  
was found not guilty.

**Man Who Saved  
Children Dies**  
Pinhas Avraham, 38, of Je-  
rusalem's Baka's quarter, died  
yesterday morning of injuries  
received on December 22 when  
he stopped several children  
from playing on the railway  
tracks as the train approached.  
As he jumped toward the  
children, he fell and his right  
leg was amputated by the  
passing train. Avraham is the  
fourth victim of rail accidents  
at the unguarded Baka's rail  
crossing.

**Four Fined For  
Annoying Tenant**  
TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM).  
— Charged with entering a  
house in Mishmar Hasheva  
near Tel Aviv with intent to  
annoy the tenant, and force  
him to sell or let the house  
to the village, four men were  
fined 11.25 each by the Dis-  
trict Court here yesterday.  
They were given the alterna-  
tive of a month in prison  
each.  
The guilty — Moshe Piker,  
Haim Shulman, Herzl Minkler  
and Aryeh Topman, were said  
to have entered the eight-room house  
of Shlomo Poin last August. It  
has since been bought by the  
village for 11.2,000.

**Pounds and Watches  
Seized on Ship**  
HAIFA, Saturday. — A sum  
of Israel pounds and a num-  
ber of watches were found in  
the possession of the first  
mate and cook aboard the s.s.  
Abbazia in Haifa port on  
Thursday.  
The search was conducted  
by port police after informa-  
tion was received that lately  
a quantity of watches had  
been smuggled into the coun-  
try by personnel of foreign  
ships. The Italian Consul in  
Haifa, who was aboard the  
ship, was also present at the  
time of the search.

**YOUTH RALLY**  
HAIFA, Saturday. — The unity  
of the Histadrut was stressed at  
Noar Ha'oved rally in Haifa  
today, attended by 1,700 dele-  
gates from the north.  
The speakers were Mr. Joseph  
Ferber (Mapai) and Mr. Aharon  
Zisling (Mapai), Knesset  
Member. Forty branches of the  
organization were represented  
at the rally and in a parade.

**3 Held for Murder**  
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Three  
persons were yesterday ar-  
rested and ordered detained  
for 15 days in connection  
with the murder of Victoria  
Kimche in Jaffa on Wednes-  
day.  
They are Nisim Boyagian  
and his wife, Mimi, and Men-  
ternik Avaranian, all of Jaffa.

## Supply Problems US Replies to USSR In War — 'Ha'aretz' On Jap Treaty Issue

Unless the Middle East is  
occupied by Soviet forces, Is-  
rael's need to preserve her  
sources of supply is likely to  
have an important bearing on  
her stand in the event of war,  
even as far as Mapam is  
concerned, "Ha'aretz" wrote  
on Friday. This Party will,  
no doubt, attack the Govern-  
ment for yielding to "West-  
ern Imperialism," but will also  
presumably hope that arrange-  
ments can be made to secure  
basic commodities from these  
countries, "just as Mapam  
libitum are as eager as Ma-  
pai or middle class farmers to  
receive U.S. loan equipment,"  
the paper wrote.  
In conclusion, "Ha'aretz"  
hoped that Israel will be "clever  
enough to refrain from taking  
any action liable to transform  
her territory into a battlefield."

**CONSTRUCTION**  
Industrial: 7,200 square metres  
of industrial floor space, housing  
30 enterprises in Ramat, by the  
Jerusalem Economic Corporation;  
14,000 sq. metres of floor space  
begun by the Corporation for fac-  
tory and workshops in Mekev  
Baruch and elsewhere; beginning  
of construction on a large flour  
mill and silo.  
Housing: 1,000 dwelling units  
began during the year by the  
Government for immigrants,  
Public Housing: Beginning of  
the Convention Centre and As-  
sembly Hall (Bet Ha'am); begin-  
ning of 15,000-dwelling unit "Beit  
Ma'amal" on a 2,000-dunam tract  
of Jewish National Fund Land  
near Bayt Yogan.  
The number of workers em-  
ployed in building rose from 300  
in 1949 to 2,500 this year.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**  
Water supply: Increased to a point  
where restrictions on its use were  
lifted; consumption of electric  
current decreased; road-building in  
the city progressed; the railway  
was re-opened for passengers  
and freight.

## US Replies to USSR On Jap Treaty Issue

WASHINGTON, Saturday  
(Reuters). — America, in a  
new note to Russia, said  
Thursday night she could not  
concede "that any one nation  
has perpetual power to veto  
the conclusion by others of  
peace with Japan."  
In effect, the note kept  
the way open for coopera-  
tion with other nations to  
complete a Japanese treaty,  
but without Russia, if ne-  
cessary.  
But it expressed the hope  
that Russia would cooperate.  
The note was handed to M.  
Jacob Malik, the Soviet repre-  
sentative at the U.N., and the  
text was released by the State  
Department.  
It was the answer to six points  
raised by Russia in November,  
asking for explanation of a me-  
moranum on a probable peace  
treaty which Mr. John Foster  
Dulles gave M. Malik and dis-  
cussed with other U.N. members.  
This was followed by a series  
of talks between M. Malik and  
Mr. Dulles, the American dele-  
gate in charge of negotiations  
for a treaty, at Lake Success.

## Yard Still Seeking Coronation Stone

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters).  
Police were today seeking  
the authors of a "petition"  
to King George VI who claim-  
ed that they had taken the  
coronation stone from West-  
minster Abbey on Christmas  
Day.  
In London, police were  
preparing to renew their ef-  
fort to haul a mysterious  
object from the bed of the  
Serpentine in the hope that  
it might be the missing relic.  
In the "petition" left in  
a Glasgow newspaper office  
last night, the authors pro-  
mised to return the stone if  
it was sent back to Scotland.  
The 1,100 year old stone  
had rested under the cor-  
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**EGYPTIAN ARMS** — The  
Egyptian War Ministry has  
accepted an offer by the  
Swedish Sevid armaments  
company to erect two arms  
factories in Egypt.  
**ETNA** sent three further  
streams of lava pouring to-  
wards the three villages at  
its foot in a new outburst  
of the month-long eruption.  
**MALAY** rebels ambushed  
and killed ten policemen in Kedah  
state yesterday. Two civil-  
ians and seven rebels were  
also killed in the 15-minute  
shooting.

## Jordan P.M. Given New Constitution

A draft of the new Jordan  
constitution was recently sub-  
mitted to the Prime Minister.  
The writing of a new con-  
stitution was largely the re-  
sult of pressure from former  
Palestine Arabs. It must go to  
the House, and to King Abdul-  
lah for approval.

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It is impossible not to

know that this country's

stocks are low, and that it

will be in two-fold danger

in the event

of war—dan

ger from the

warring pow

ers, and dan

ger from neighbours hoping

to profit by the catastrophe.

Tomorrow the Prime Minister

is due to address the

Knesset for the first time

since the Government crisis

two months ago, and not

only the Knesset but the

nation will look to him for

the courage and faith that

did not fail him in the dark

days of 1948.

In due course, the nation

may be faced with the

gravest of decisions. When

the State was founded, Is

rael defined its international

position as being, not so

much neutrality as a maxi

mum of goodwill to all na

tions and a "determined

willingness to cooperate with

all, whatever their affilia

tions. Israel has not moved

from this position, nor has

it any desire to do so. But

as the crisis sharpens—if it

does—this position may be

come untenable, for the

proponents of the opposing

block will in time treat as

enemies all those who do

not curtail relations with

their opponents, and in the

end a neutrality aimed at

friendship with all may

bear in it the seed of com

plete isolation. It will be

a tragic day when Israel is

finally forced out of its pre

sent position, for it will

mean that war is near. Nor

can Israel afford to face this

day unprepared, mentally

and physically. If the nation

is to survive, and to play a

part in the future world it

must have the courage to

recognize the changing real

ities about it. This decision

as to the nation's place in

the world touches on funda

mental questions, and it is

too much to hope that the

nation will be entirely in

accord, whatever road the

majority decides upon.

Here is the place for

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nity for Mr. Ben Gurion to

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"ANCHOR" IN ISLAND DEFENCE LINE  
U.S. to Fortify the Philippines

By James F. Cunningham

WASHINGTON (UPI).

— EITHER a United Nations

Dunkirk or a settlement

in Korea might swing United

States military emphasis

southward—in Asia, and in

tensity American efforts to

fortify the Philippines, many

observers here believe.

Evacuation of Korea would

leave Indo China the north

ernmost non-communist ter

ritory along Asia's east coast.

The Philippines, southern an

chor of the United States "is

land defence line" extending

south from Japan through

Okinawa and Formosa, are

within bombing range of In

do-China, Hongkong, or the

Chinese mainland.

United States officials are

already studying the report

of a special state and defence

department mission which

recently returned from a mi

litary survey of the Philip

pines and other South East

Asian countries. Its recom

mendations were understood

to include suggestions for

building up Philippine de

fences.

No firm decisions are ex

pected until it is more certain

what is going to happen to

United Nations forces in Ko

rea and the outlook at that

time for resisting Communism

in Indo-China.

Meanwhile, two main ob

jectives were understood to

be under consideration:

Firstly, obliteration of the

estimated 10,000 to 20,000

communist-led Hukbalahap

outlaws who threaten the

Philippine government from

within. Secondly, defence of

the four-year-old island re

public against possible Chi

nese communist invasion.

When the mission was in

the field last summer mem

bers announced that they

regarded the Hukbalahap in

ternal menace as more serious

than the possibility of ag

gression from abroad. There

is some feeling that this

appraisal must be revised in

the light of recent Red Chi

nese military excursions.

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The Truman-Atlee declar

ation last week made it clear

the U.S. would go the limit

to keep Communism from

swallowing up Southeast Asia

in general and the Philippines

in particular.

One way the administra

tion proposes to do this is

through investment of 250,

000,000 dollars over the next

five years to give Filipinos

a better standard of living.

Another is through bolster

ing the Philippine govern

ment's defence establishment.

Some mission members urge

the United States to expand

its corps of military advisers

in the Philippines, even to

the extent of providing tac

tical advice down to company

or battalion level during an

all-out anti-huk campaign.

Some believe the U.S.

should build up its own

strength in the Philippines.

Opening of additional bases

is under consideration.

At least for the time that

fighting continues to pin its

eastern forces in Korea,

there appears small chance

for much actual increase in

United States troop strength

in the Philippines.

When the Korean question

is settled many officials hope

to supplement this assistance

with boosts of U.S. naval and

air protection for the strate

gic island.

Destiny's Drafter

NEW YORK (UPI). — The

"American fighting man"

was chosen as the "Man

of the Year" by "Time"



